7.2 Best Practice No.1

1) Title of Practice:

Cash Prizes to Meritorious Students

2) Objective of the practices:

- The institution aims to encourage the students to study well and dedicate their maximum time for continuous learning.
- Another objective of this practice is to provide financial assistance to the meritorious students.
- To inculcate the values of generosity and a sense of social responsibility among the students.

3) Context:

- ❖ It was decided to keep a certain amount as fixed deposit in the bank for generating a regular source in the form of annual interest which is to be distributed as cash prizes.
- ❖ After a thorough discussion in the staff meeting, many of the faculty members agreed to contribute individually towards corpus fund.
- ❖ With the generous contribution from faculty members a fund of Rs 1.75 lakh is collected and kept as fixed deposit in the State Bank of India.
- ❖ Annual interest earned on this deposit, approximately Rs.12,500/- is to be distributed as cash prize for meritorious students.

4) The Practice:

- We are proud that this practice of awarding cash prize to the meritorious students is unique in this locality since other colleges in the town do not have this practice.
- We select the students securing highest marks in each subject as meritorious.
- ❖ The total amount of Rs 12,500/- annual interest earned on the deposit is distributed as cash prize among the top scorers.
- These cash prizes are announced in the orientation programme and are distributed in the Gymkhana Activities Inauguration ceremony held usually in the first month of academic year.

5) Evidence of Success:

There is an academic increment noticed among the students.

6) Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- Collection of funds was the major problem encountered.
- The fund collected so far is not sufficient.

Best Practice - II

1) Title of the practice – Tree plantation

2) Goal:

- To make the campus eco-friendly.
- To make the campus pollution free.
- To make the campus more attractive and beautiful.
- To create healthy climate.
- To give inspiration to students relating to plantation.
- To grow medicinal plants.

3) The context:

- This locality comes under the *drought-prone area* of northern Karnataka and as per Dr. Nanjundappa Commission Report on Regional Imbalance, our taluka is recognised as the most backward.
- Social forestry is critically needed to maintain the eco-system of this area.

4) The practice:

- The institution has implemented this practice in collaboration with forest department and with the help of NSS volunteers under the supervision of faculty and paid labourers.
- Both the top management and the institution have extended their help for successful implementation of this unique practice. The plantation is properly maintained by the NSS volunteers and faculty.

Limitations:

- a) Limited source of water.
- b) Frequent droughts in this area.

5) Evidence of success:

- There are 1234 trees and plants on the campus.
- Campus has become more attractive and beautiful.
- Eco-friendly campus.

6) Problems Encountered:

- Inadequate source of water.
- Problem of maintenance in summer season and at the time of drought.

• Problem of stray cattle, sheep and wood cutters.

Resources Required

- Adequate water supply.
- Fencing around plantation area and appointment of additional watchman and daily wage labourers during vacation.